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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed January 4, 2008, applicants elect the invention of Group I, encompassing claims 1-8 and 13. The election is made with traverse, to the extent that the Restriction Requirement restricts among nonelected Groups II and IV-IX. Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement groups all of method claims 1-8 and 13 in one group (Group I), so has implicitly recognized that all of the Group I methods possess unity of invention. The claims encompassed by Groups II and IV-IX (i.e., claims 9 and 14-19) are drawn to antibodies whose activity has been enhanced by a method of one or more of the Group I claims. Since the Group I methods are linked by unity of invention, the Groups II and IV-IX antibodies are likewise linked by unity of invention. The Examiner has not provided any justification for splitting up the antibody claims into seven separate groups while keeping the Group I method claims in one group. Accordingly, applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be revised to group the claims as follows:

Group I: claims 1-8 and 13 (the presently elected group)

Group II: claims 9 and 14-19

Group III: claims 10-12.

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